

OH, DEAR.  
OH, MY.

MY LITTLE  
CUTIES HAVE MADE  
A MESS!

I WAS ASKED  
TO KILL THEM IN THE  
MOST EXCRUCIATING  
WAY POSSIBLE.

SEEMS I GOT  
THE JOB DONE  
TOO QUICKLY.

WELL,  
WATCHING THEM BEG  
FOR MERCY WHILE THEIR  
INTESTINES WERE  
SPILLING OUT WAS PRETTY  
ENJOYABLE WHILE  
IT LASTED.

OH, NO.

THESE CUTIES  
ARE BEGGING  
ME TO HURRY  
UP AND KILL  
YOU.

SPARE...

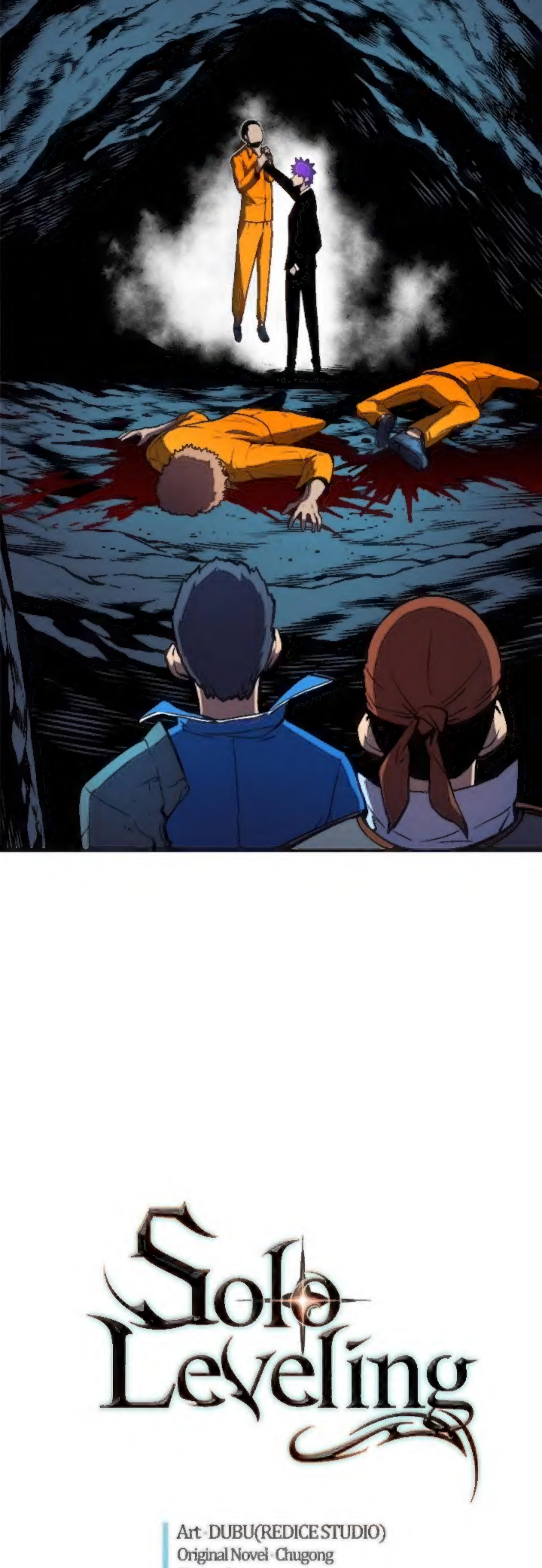
SPARE  
ME.

THE PEOPLE WHO  
WENT DOWN THE OTHER  
PATHS PROBABLY HAVEN'T  
REACHED THE END  
YET, RIGHT?

HUH?

WHAT'S...  
...GOING  
ON HERE?!



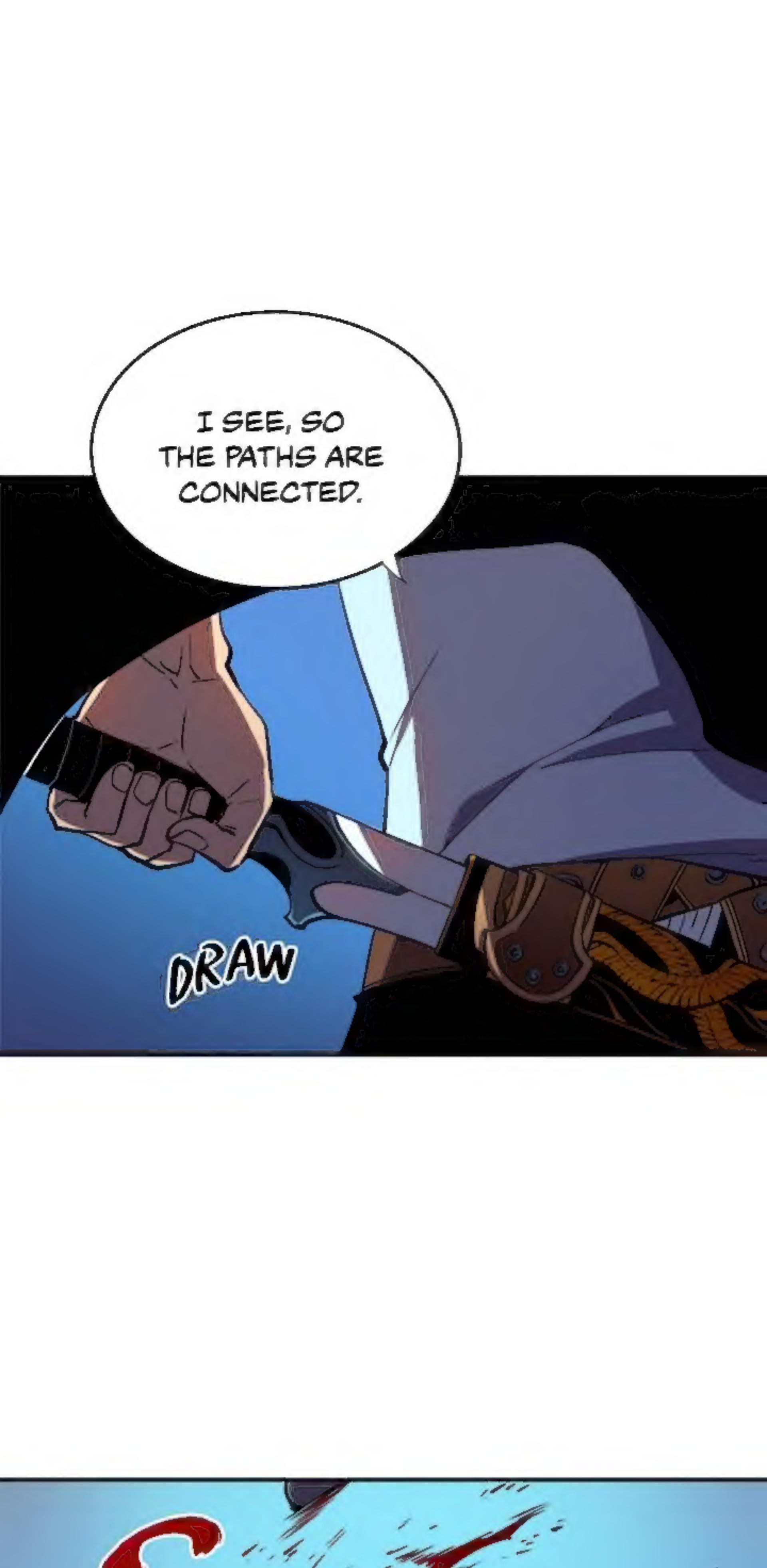


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I SEE, SO  
THE PATHS ARE  
CONNECTED.

DRAW



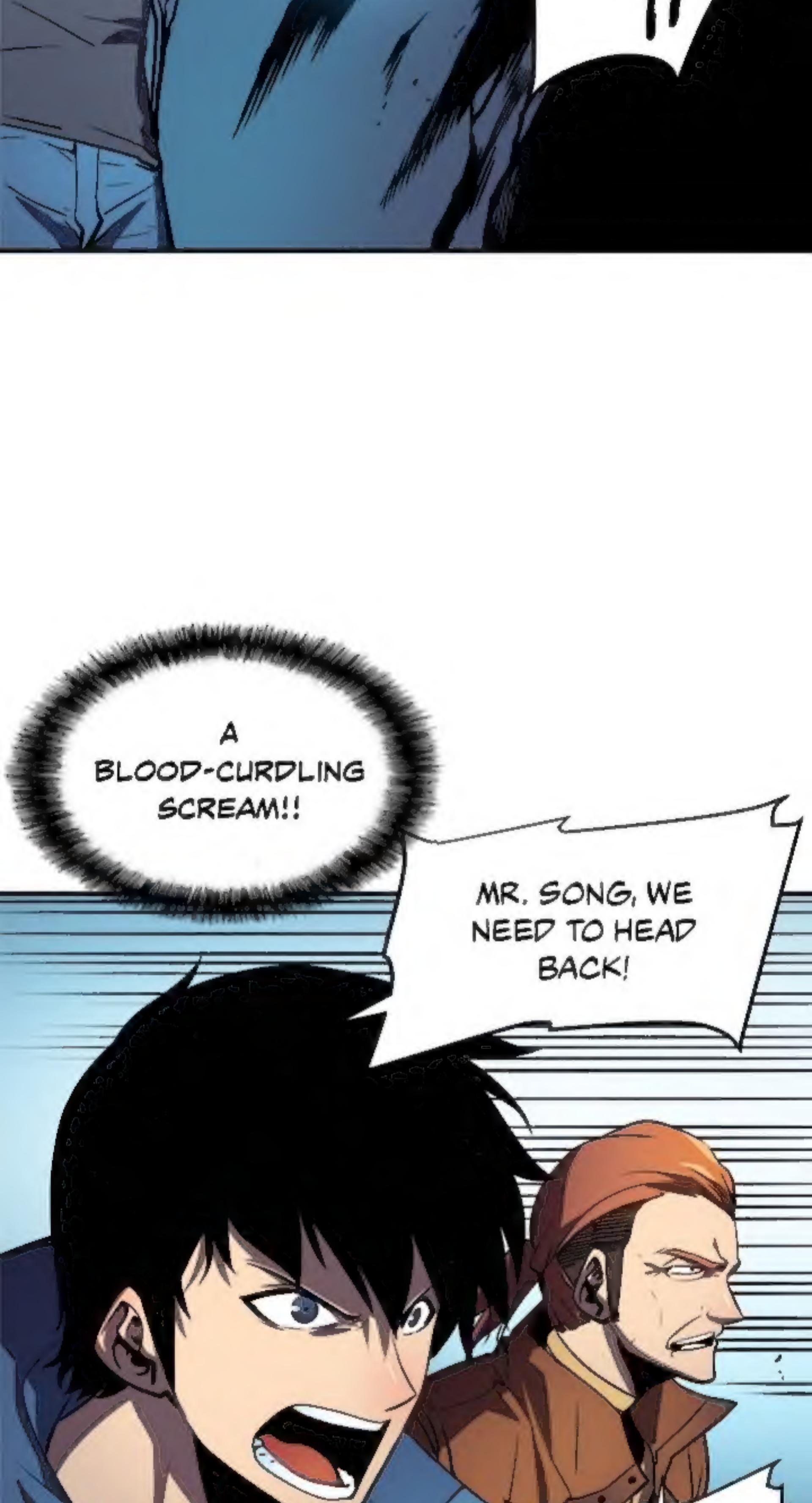
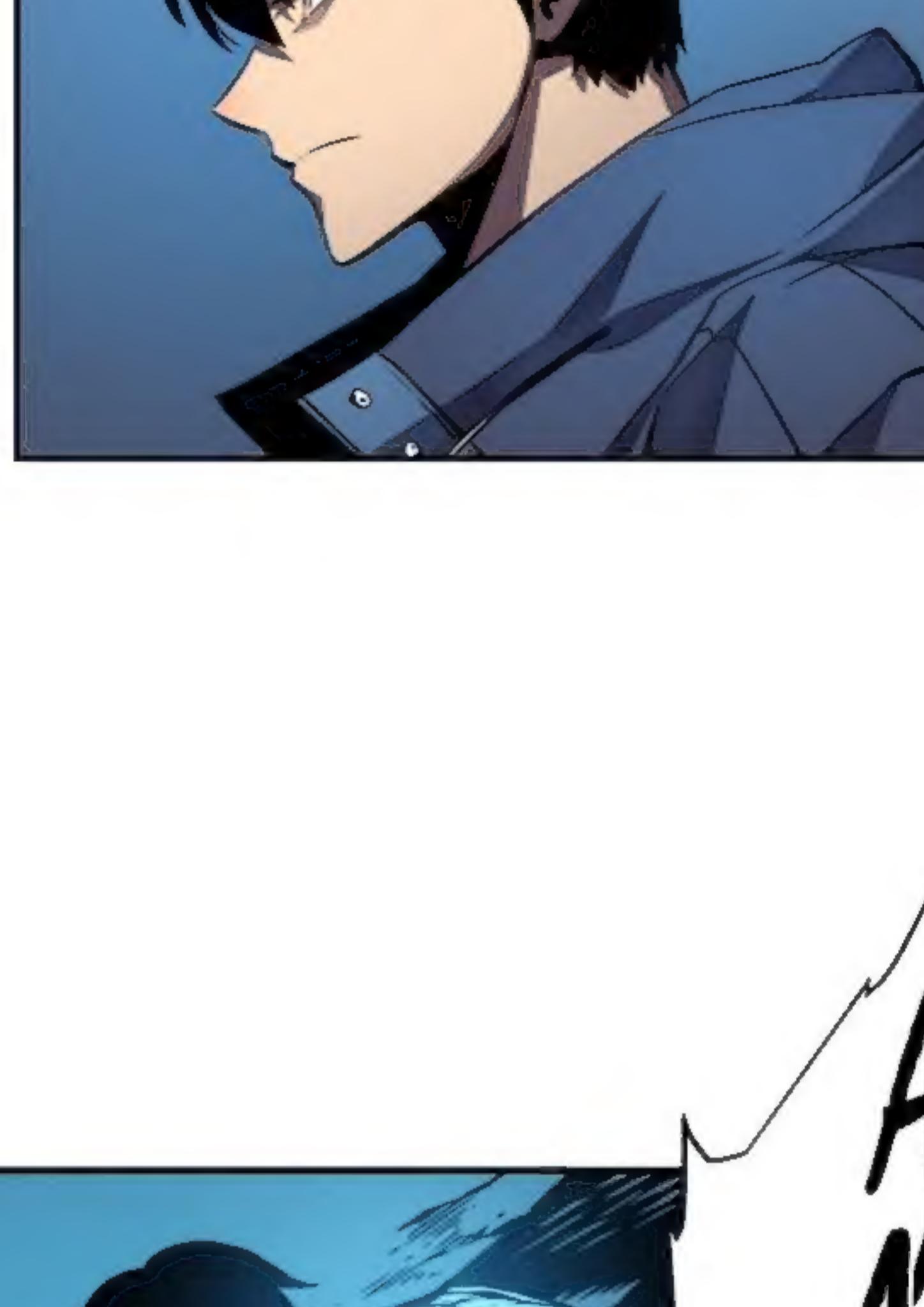
THEN THAT MEANS  
THE BOSS'S LAIR IS  
DOWN THE PATH ON  
THE LEFT.

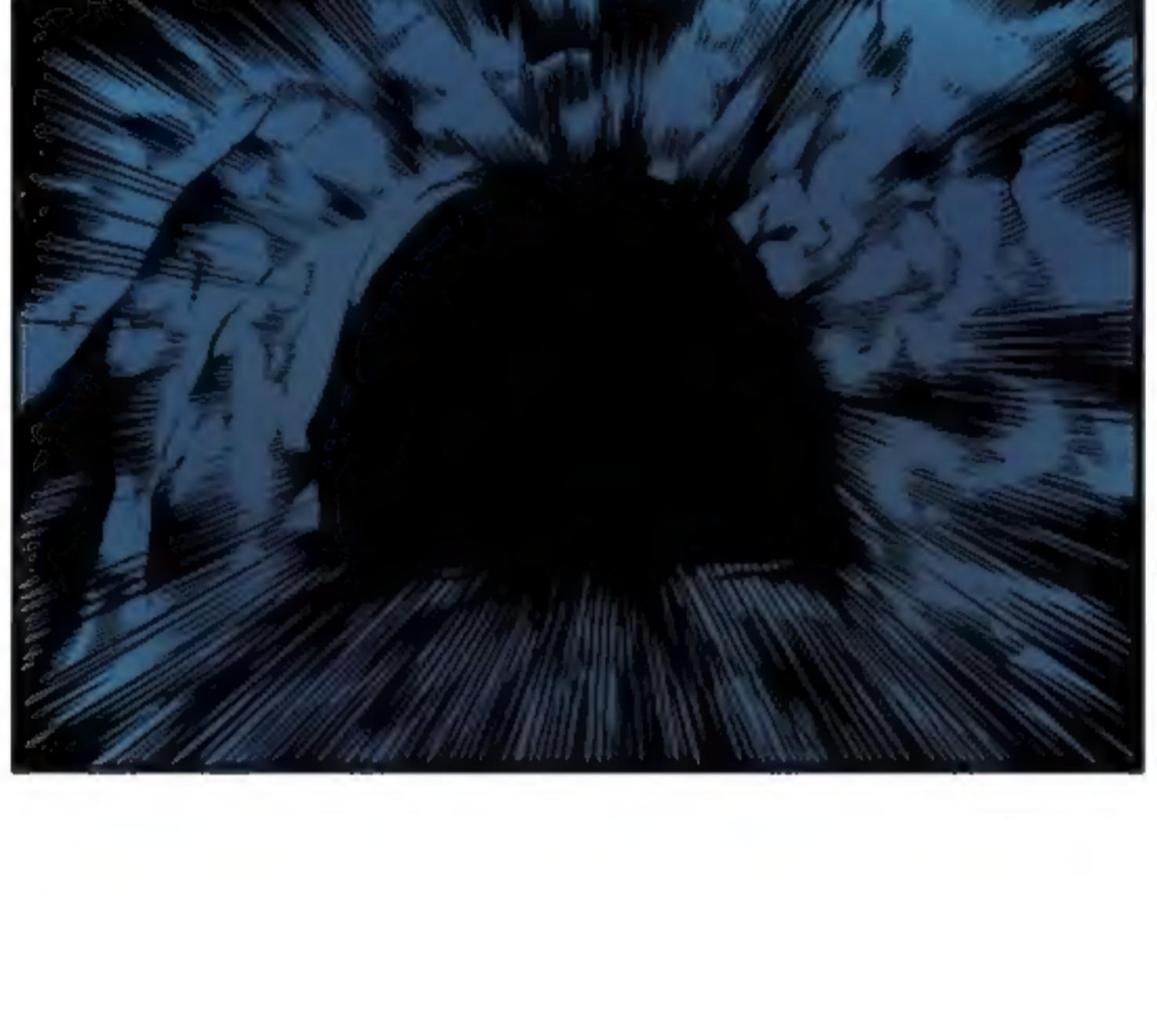
THANKS TO  
YOU GUYS, LOOKS  
LIKE I WON'T GET  
LOST.

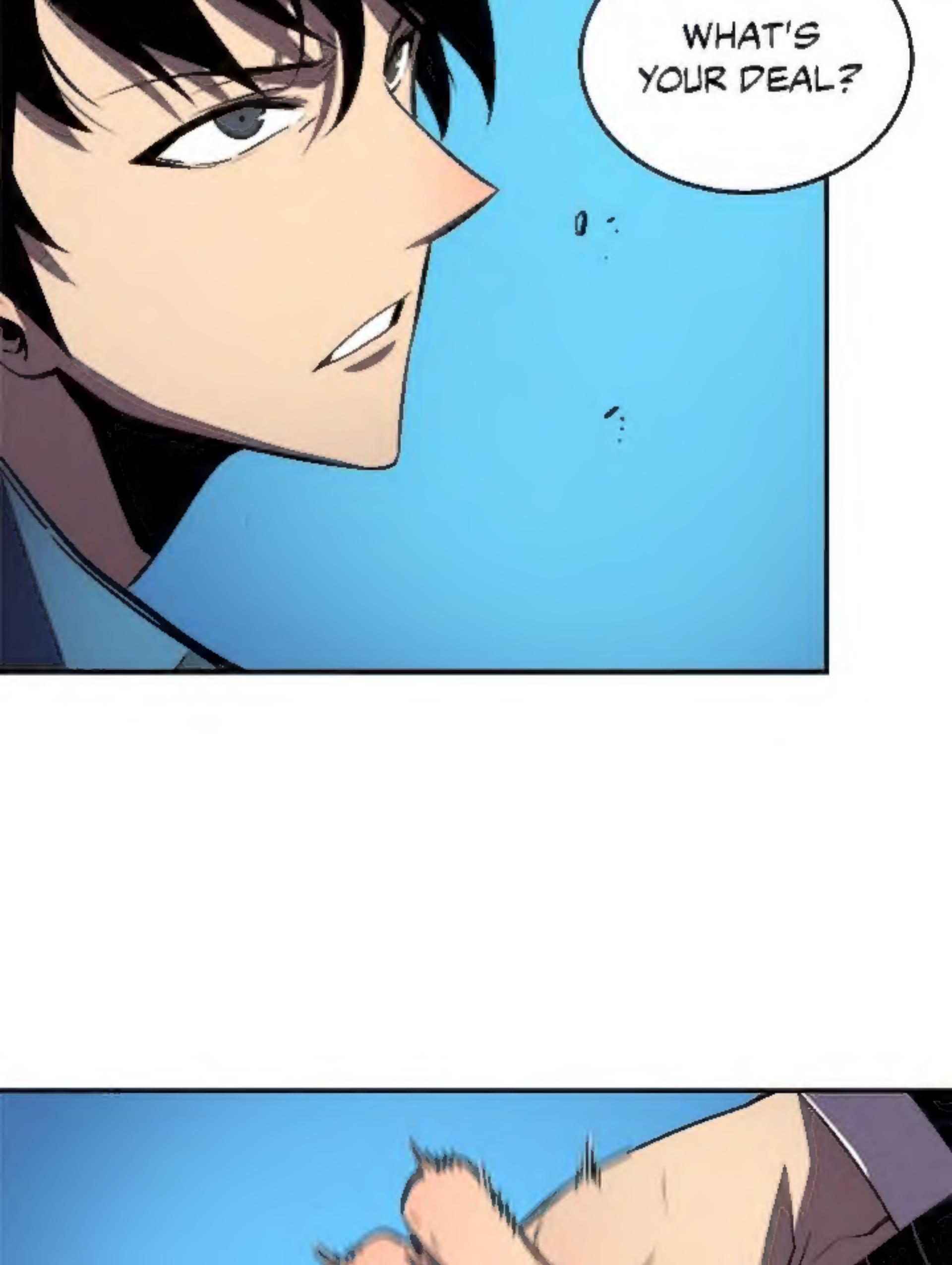
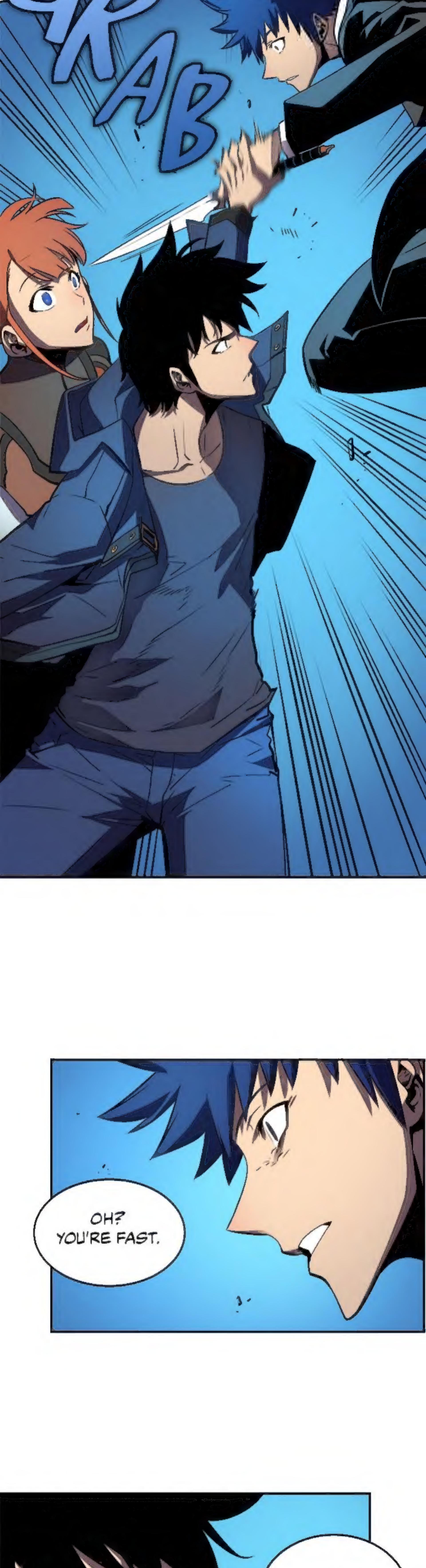


THOUGH  
THERE HAS BEEN  
A CHANGE OF  
PLANS...

SPLATTER

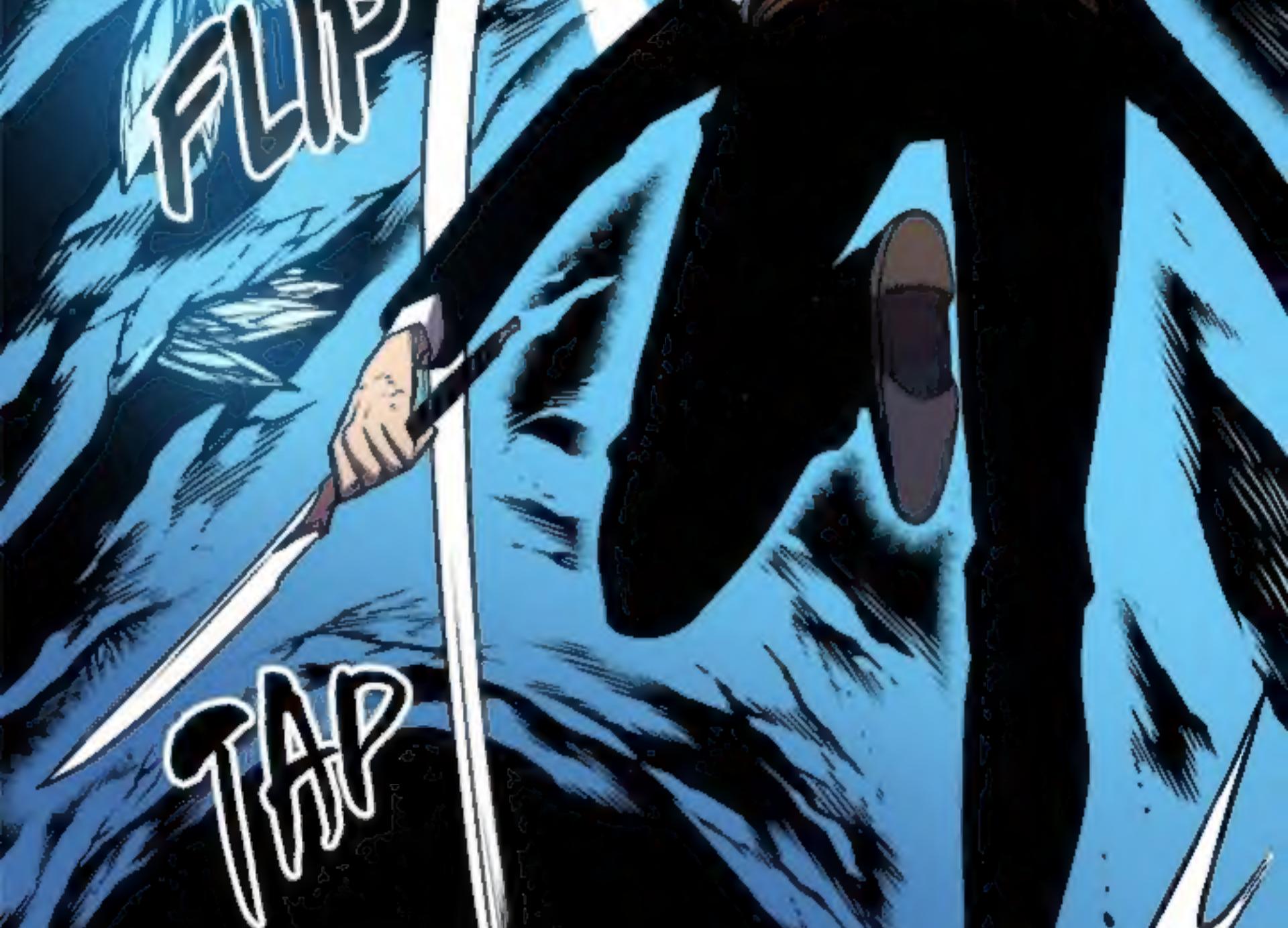








HE BLOCKED MY ATTACK?



TO AVOID ANY SETBACKS, I WANTED TO GET RID OF HER FIRST, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH SHE'S IN A NON-COMBATANT CLASS, SHE'S STILL A B-RANK HEALER.

I MIGHT NEED TO REWRITE MY STORY IF THINGS DON'T GO AS PLANNED.

W...WHAT?

THIS IS SO SUDDEN...

ALTHOUGH,  
I'LL BE KILLING  
ALL OF YOU  
ANYWAY.

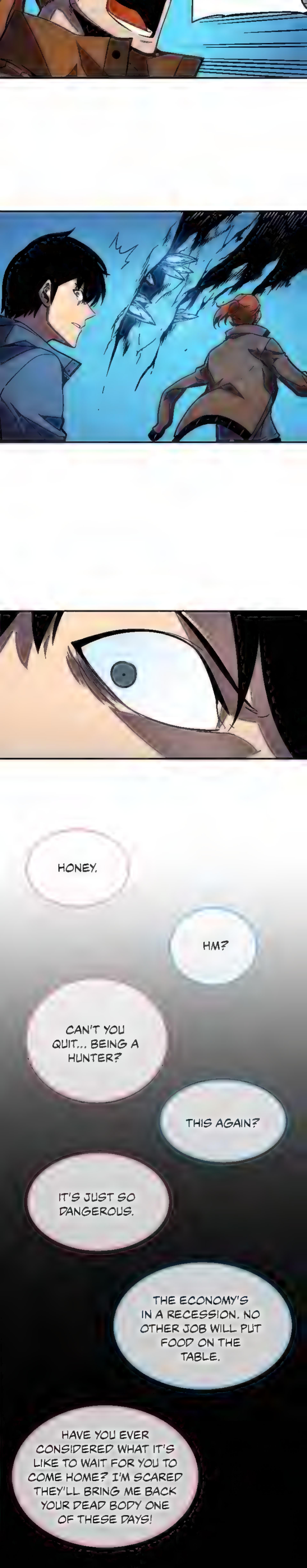
JUST  
LIKE THESE  
GUYS.



W...WAIT!

YOU'RE PART OF THE ASSOCIATION! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!

W...WAIT!



HONEY.

HM?

CAN'T YOU QUIT... BEING A HUNTER?

THIS AGAIN?

IT'S JUST SO DANGEROUS.

THE ECONOMY'S IN A RECESSION. NO OTHER JOB WILL PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WAIT FOR YOU TO COME HOME? I'M SCARED THEY'LL BRING ME BACK YOUR DEAD BODY ONE OF THESE DAYS!

...  
COME ON,  
IT'S BETTER THAN  
WORKING AT SOME  
CONSTRUCTION SITE  
FOR MEAGER  
PAY.

BESIDES, THE  
ASSOCIATION DOESN'T  
ASK LOW-RANKING  
HUNTERS LIKE ME TO  
GO ON DANGEROUS  
RAIDS.

ALL RIGHT.

IT'S JUST THAT  
OUR OLDEST CHILD  
IS STARTING MIDDLE  
SCHOOL NEXT YEAR,  
AND OUR SECOND  
WILL BE GOING TO  
KINDERGARTEN  
SOON...

I'M SORRY,  
I SHOULDN'T HAVE  
SAID ANYTHING.

DON'T WORRY,  
I KNOW WHERE  
YOU'RE COMING  
FROM.

STAY STRONG,  
HONEY.

OKAY, I LOVE YOU.

DADDY.

HM?

WHY  
ARE YOU A  
HUNTER?

HAHA,  
YOU'RE ASKING  
ME ALL KINDS OF  
QUESTIONS  
NOW.

I TOLD MY FRIENDS  
YOU'RE A HUNTER,  
AND THEY WERE ALL  
LIKE, "WHOAAA."

DADDY, DOES  
THAT MEAN YOU'RE  
STRONGER THAN THE  
OTHER DADS?

OF COURSE,  
I CAN EVEN BEAT  
MONSTROUS  
BEASTS!

I KNEW IT,  
YOU'RE STRONG!

THAT'S  
RIGHT, DADDY'S  
STRONG.

ONLY ONE IN  
A THOUSAND ARE  
AWAKENED, AND OUT OF  
THEM, ONLY ONE OUT  
OF FIVE THOUSAND ARE  
D-RANK OR HIGHER.

MANY LIVES REST  
ON THE SHOULDERS  
OF A SINGLE  
HUNTER.

ONE OUT OF  
FIVE THOUSAND.

ALTHOUGH  
I'M A HUNTER...

...I KNOW THAT  
TO MY FAMILY, I'M  
A HUSBAND AND  
A FATHER.

SO...

I CAN'T  
DIE TODAY.

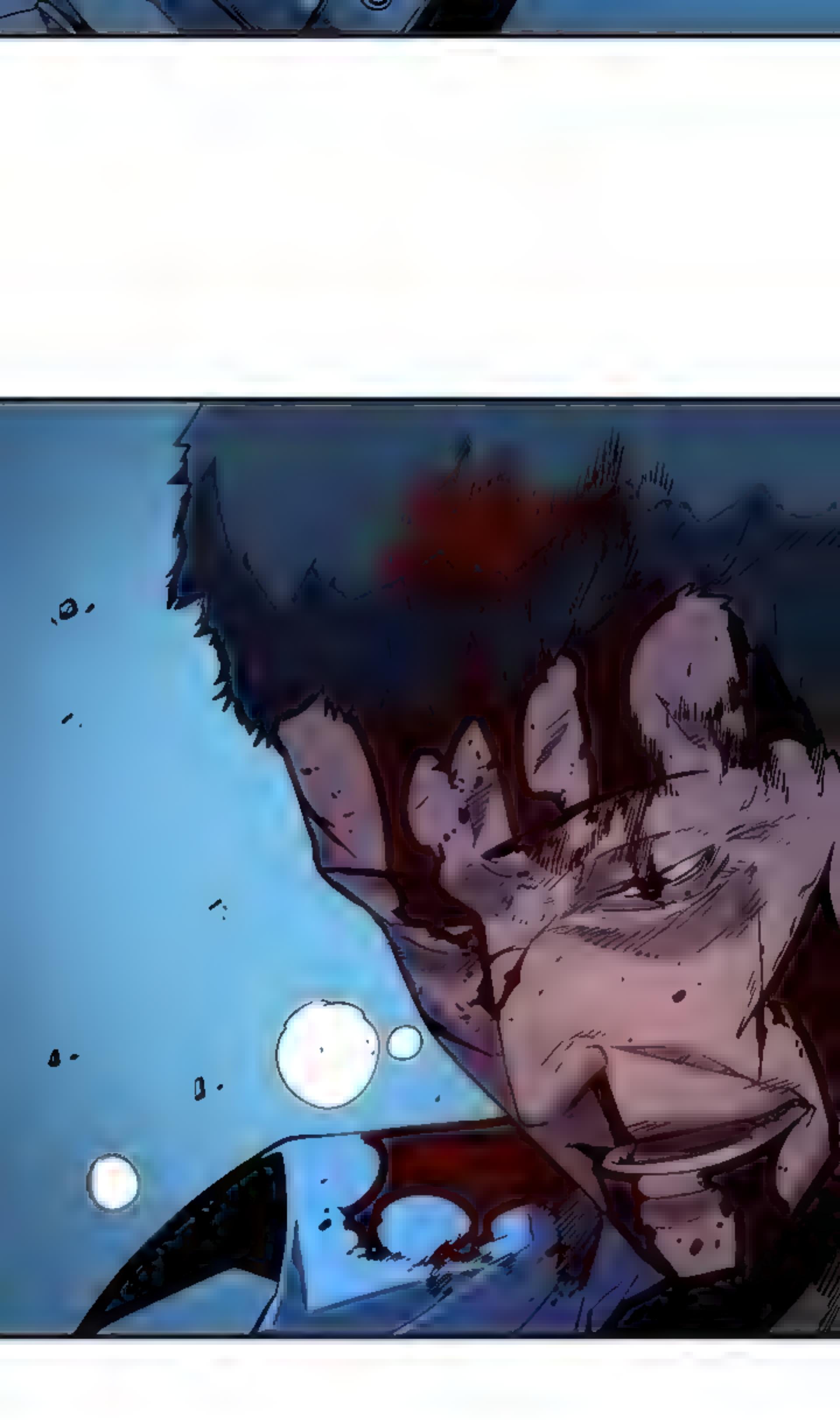
OR  
TOMORROW...

I CAN'T

I CAN'T DIE



MR. KIM...?



QUICK,  
HEAL HIM!!



RIGHT...  
OKAY!

KHOFF!

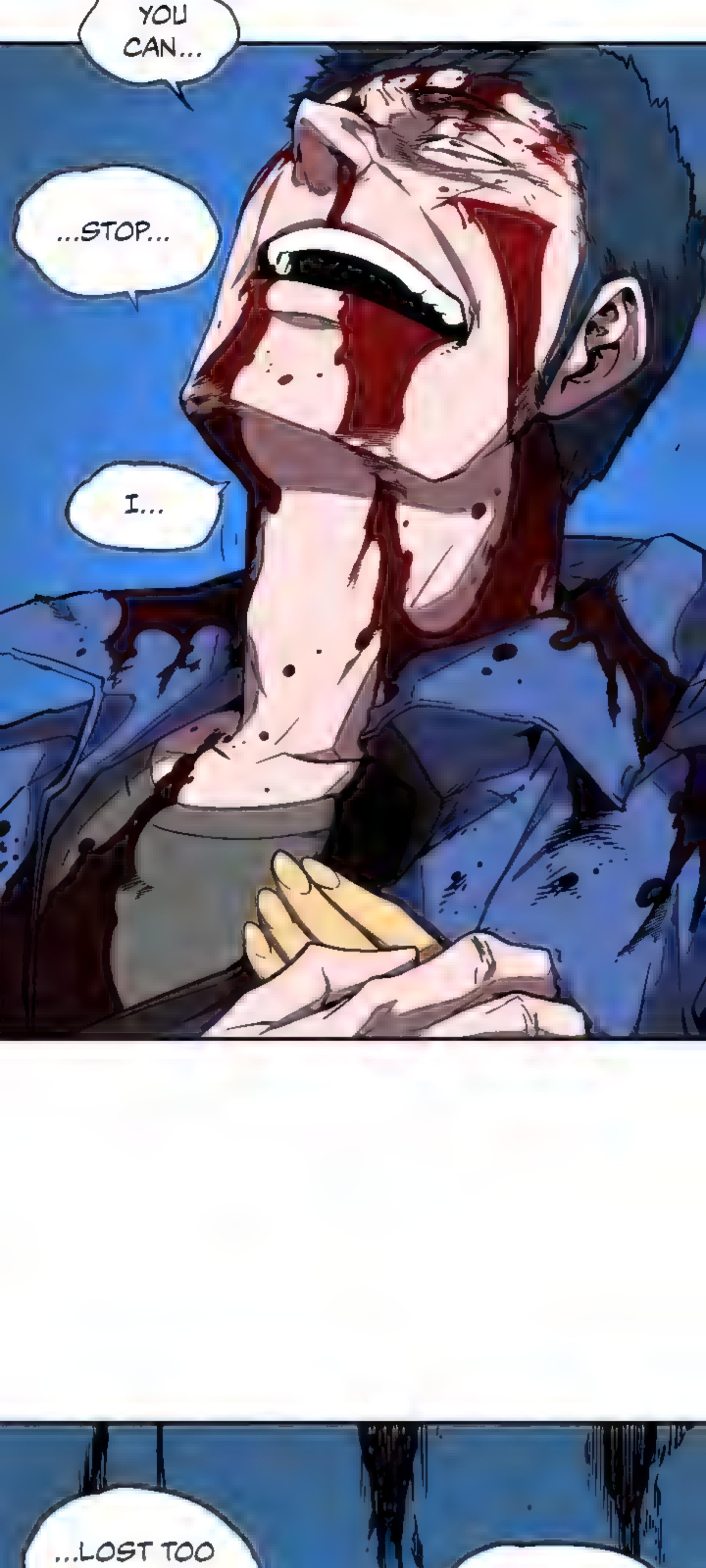
URGH!

N...

NO...

THERE'S  
NO USE...

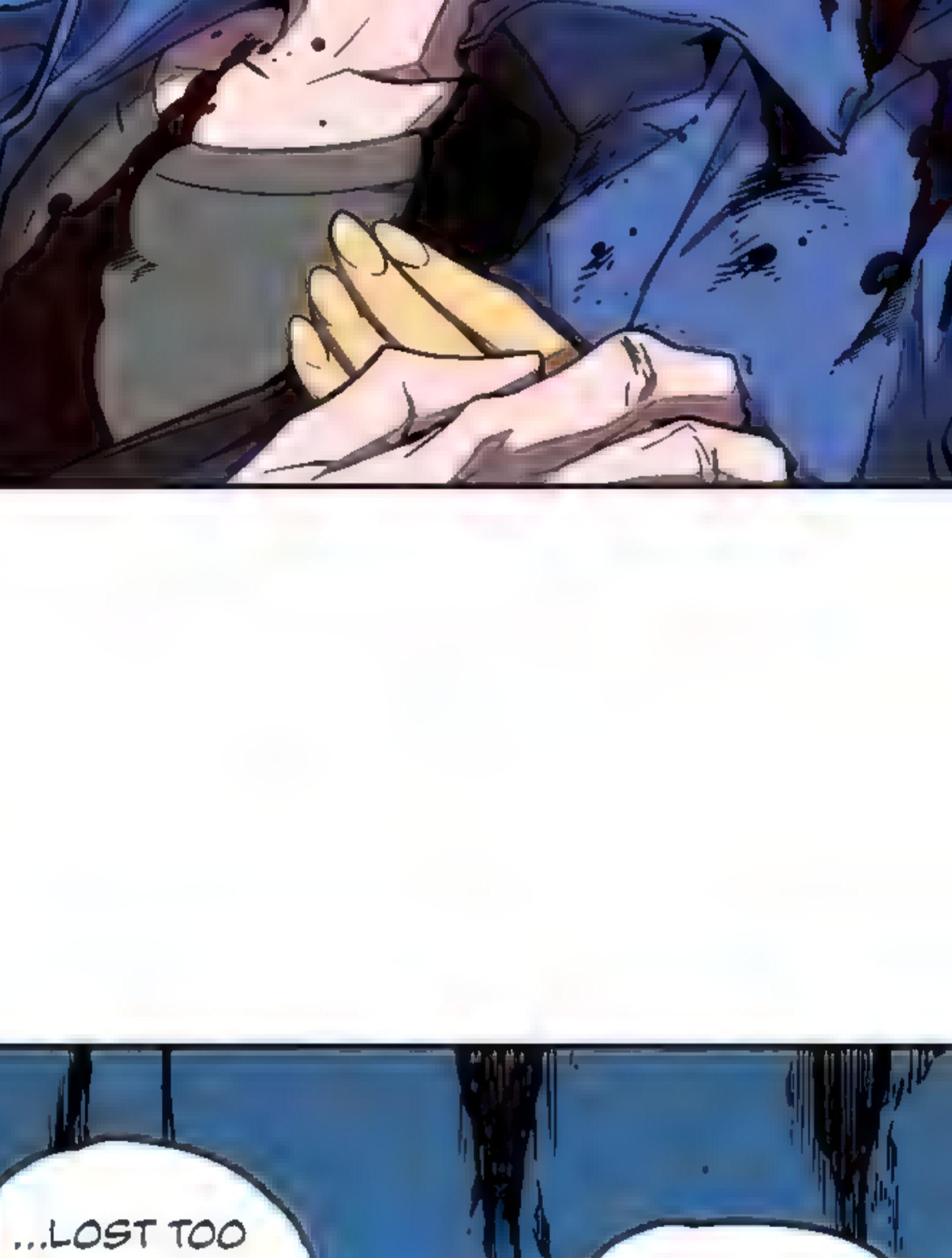
YOU CAN'T  
SAVE ME...



YOU  
CAN...

...STOP...

I...



...LOST TOO  
MUCH...

...BLOOD.



YOU HAVE  
TO LIVE.

THINK OF YOUR  
FAMILY! YOU MUST  
STAY ALIVE FOR  
THEM!



NO MATTER  
WHAT...

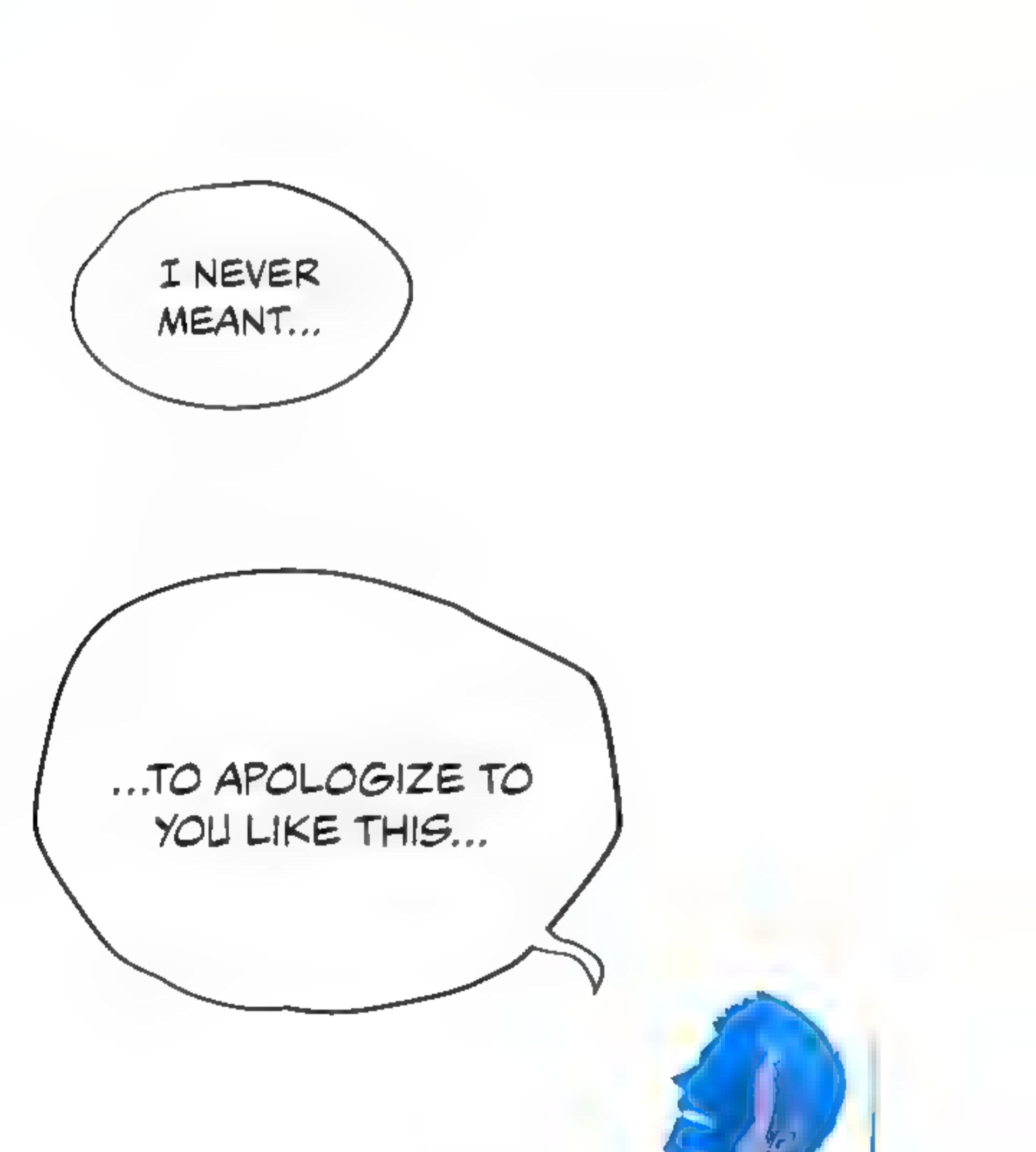


...YOU MUST  
STAY ALIVE...



...SO THAT  
I CAN...

...HATE YOU...



SORRY...

I'M SORRY.

I NEVER  
MEANT...



...TO APOLOGIZE TO  
YOU LIKE THIS...



I WANTED  
TO BOW MY HEAD  
AND APOLOGIZE,  
BUT...



...IF I...

...BOW RIGHT  
NOW...

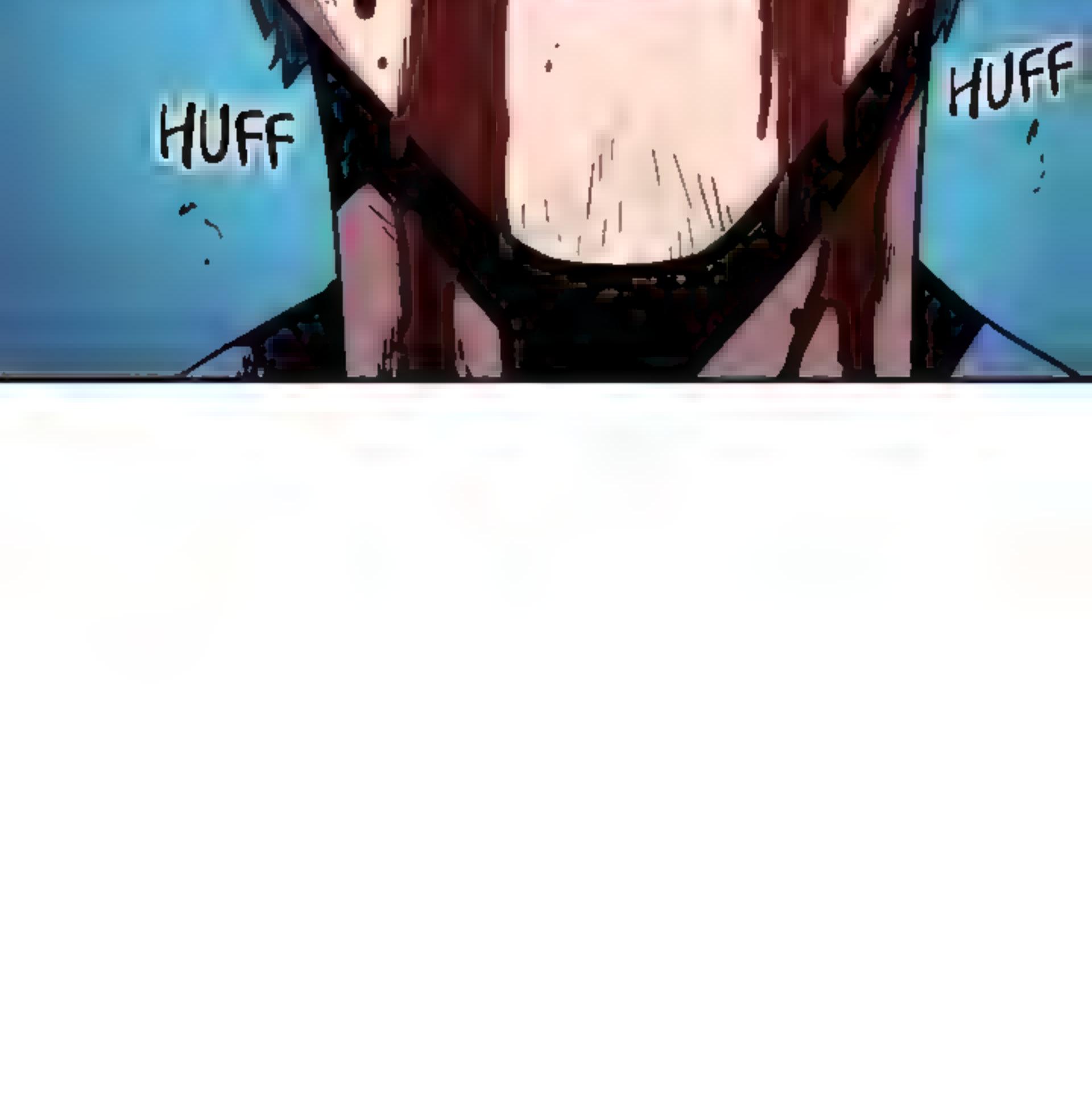
...I'D...

...PROBABLY  
DIE...



URGH

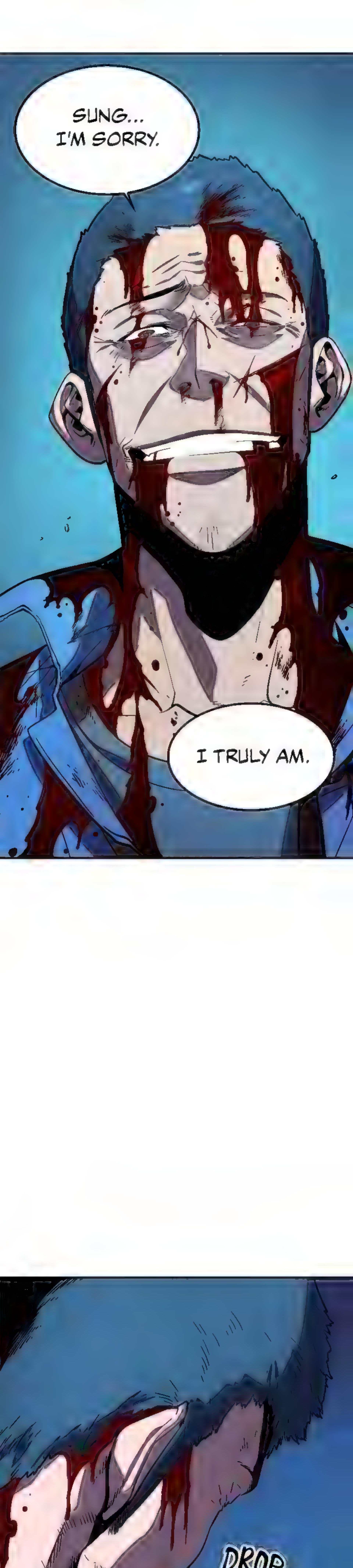
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HUFF

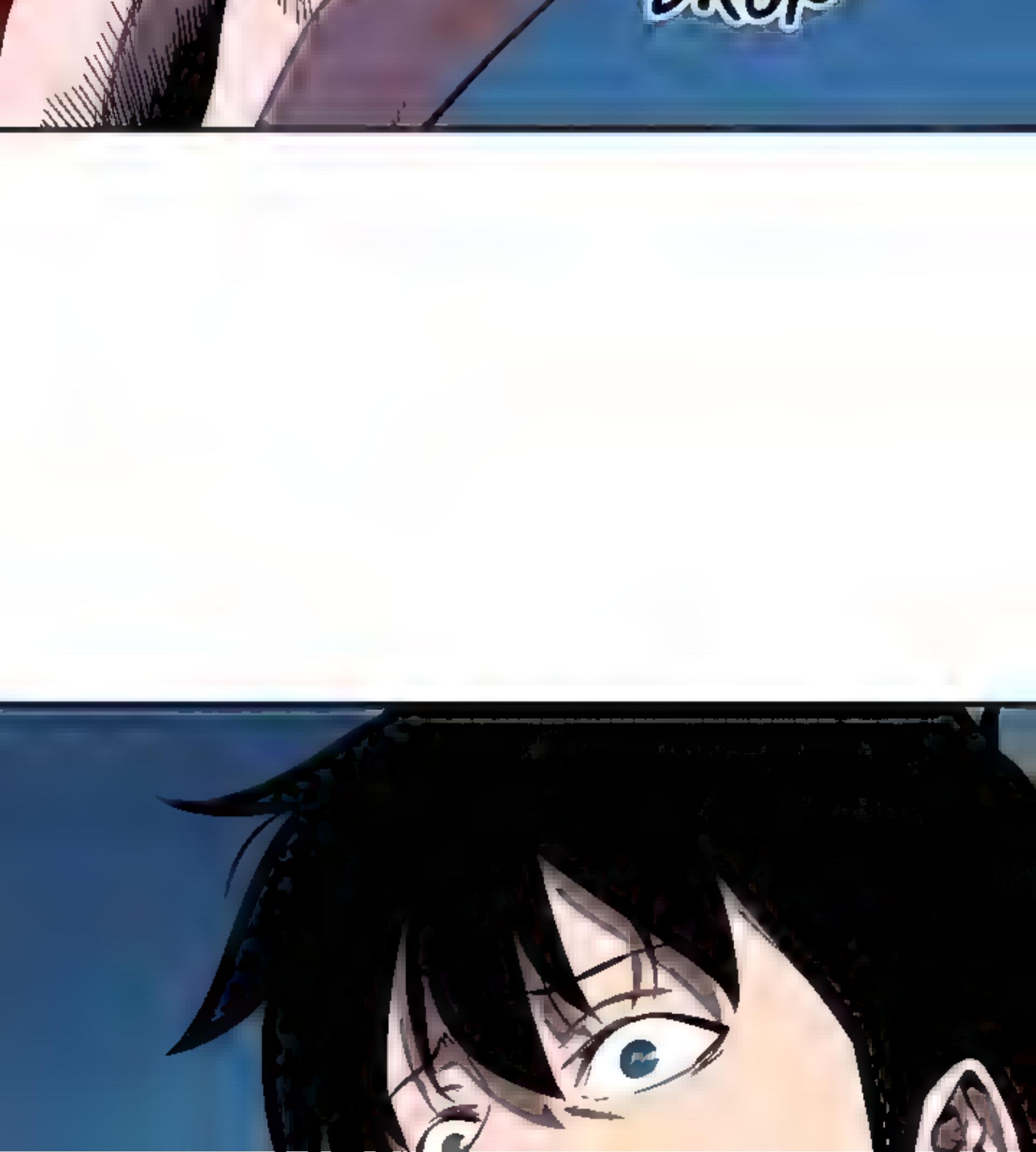
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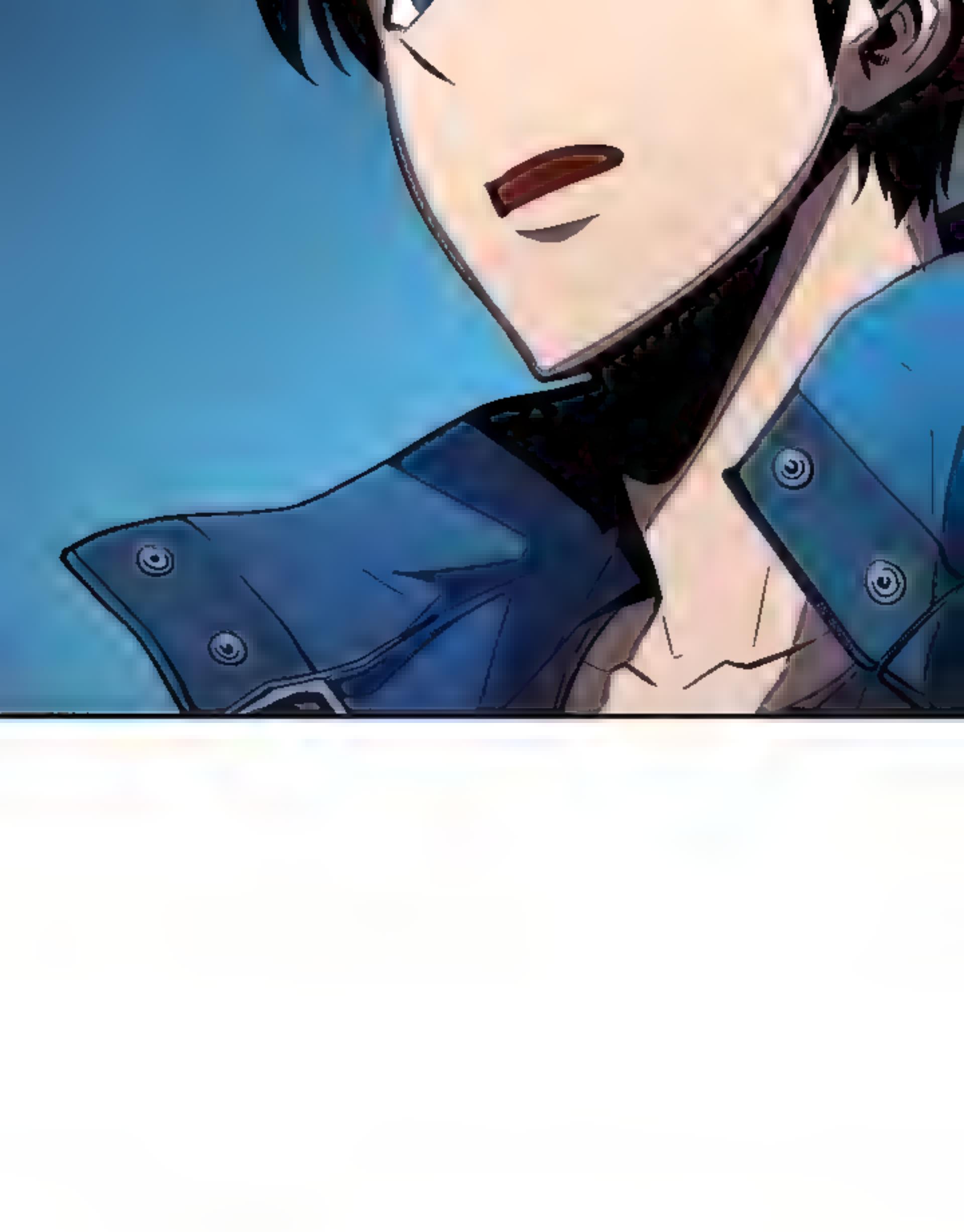


SUNG...  
I'M SORRY.

I TRULY AM.



DROP



WHY DID YOU DO  
THIS TO MR. KIM?



WHY DID YOU DO  
THIS TO MR. KIM?

WELL...

...I GUESS  
YOU COULD SAY  
IT'S SIMILAR TO  
THE NATURE OF  
MAGIC BEASTS.

ONE DAY, A GATE  
OPENS AND THE  
MAGIC BEASTS  
OVERRUN THE  
HUMANS.

IT'S LIKE  
A NATURAL  
DISASTER.

I JUST THOUGHT  
OF A GOOD IDEA  
FOR A STORY.

I WAS  
ORIGINALLY GOING TO  
SAY THAT THE GOBLINS  
WIPED EVERYONE OUT,  
BUT I THINK IT'D BE  
BEST TO CHANGE THE  
DIRECTION OF THE  
STORY A BIT.

THE  
PRISONERS ALL  
PLOTTED TOGETHER  
AND TRIED TO  
ESCAPE.

THEY KILLED YOU  
GUYS FIRST AND THEN  
WENT FOR THE BOSS.  
I LET MY GUARD DOWN  
AND THEY TRIED TO  
AMBUSH ME FROM  
BEHIND AS WELL.



BUT SINCE I'M A  
B-RANK HUNTER, THEY  
WERE NO MATCH  
FOR ME...

AND THAT'S HOW  
I WAS THE ONLY ONE  
ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT  
OF THE DUNGEON  
ALIVE.

HOW DOES  
THAT SOUND?  
THE PUBLIC WOULD  
PROBABLY FALL  
FOR IT, RIGHT?

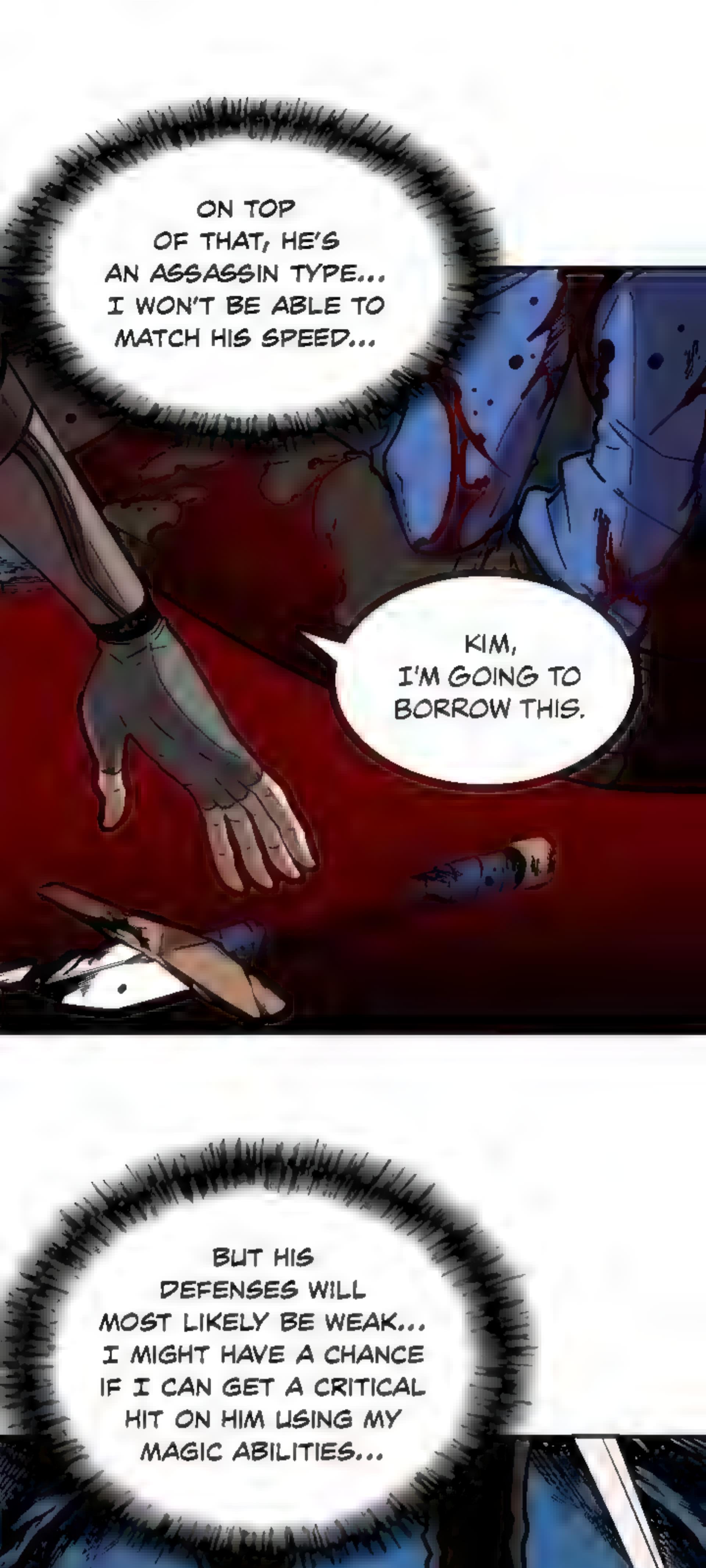
YOU PIECE  
OF SH\*T...

GRAB

WHOA, THERE.  
YOU CAN'T WIN  
AGAINST HIM.

LEAVE IT  
TO ME.

MY OPPONENT IS  
B-RANK... I WON'T BE  
ABLE TO GET HIM WITH  
MY C-RANK SKILLS.



ON TOP  
OF THAT, HE'S  
AN ASSASSIN TYPE...  
I WON'T BE ABLE TO  
MATCH HIS SPEED...

KIM,  
I'M GOING TO  
BORROW THIS.



BUT HIS  
DEFENSES WILL  
MOST LIKELY BE WEAK...  
I MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE  
IF I CAN GET A CRITICAL  
HIT ON HIM USING MY  
MAGIC ABILITIES...

**SWOOSH.**

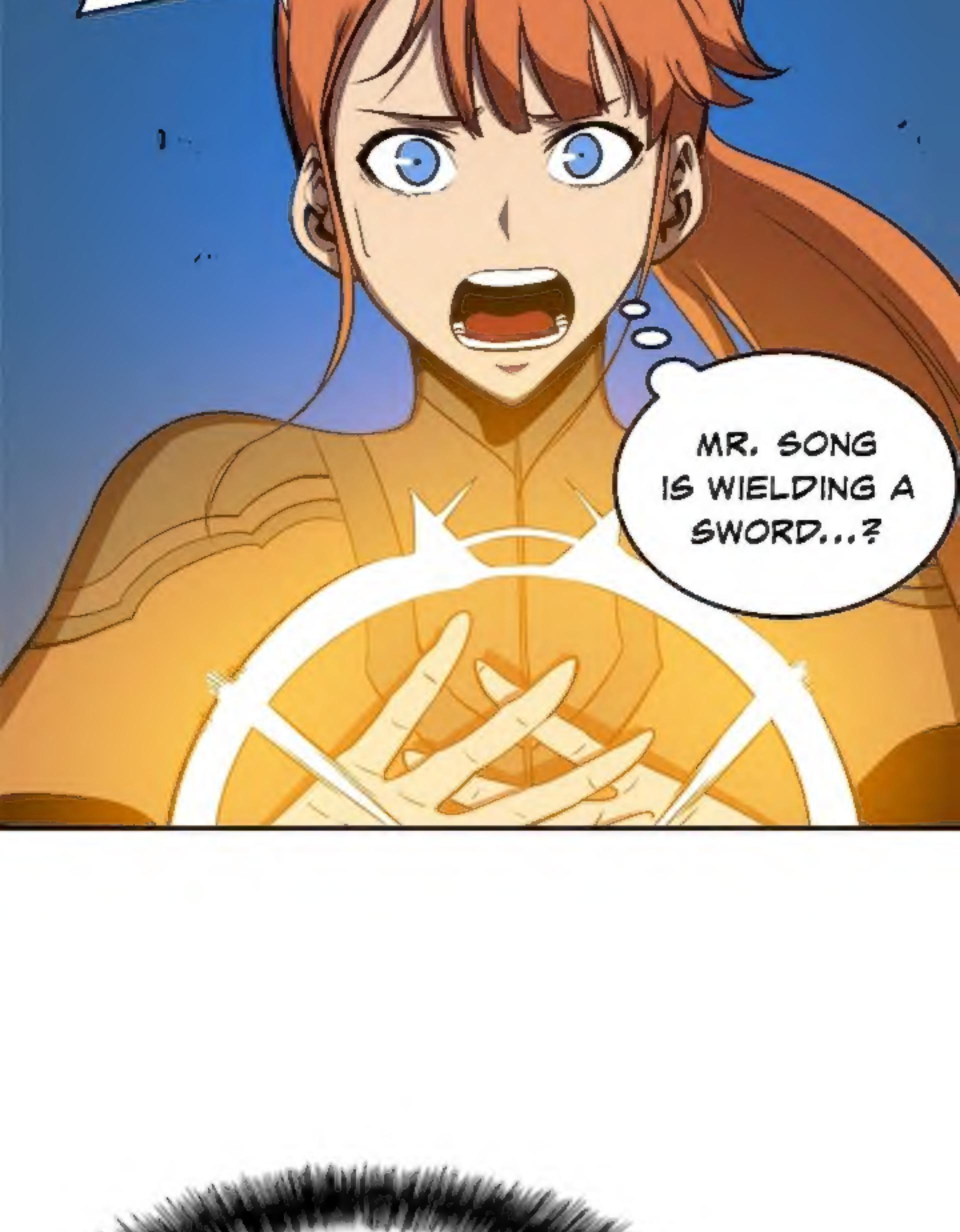


IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE SINCE  
I'VE WIELDED A  
SWORD AGAINST  
SOMEONE.

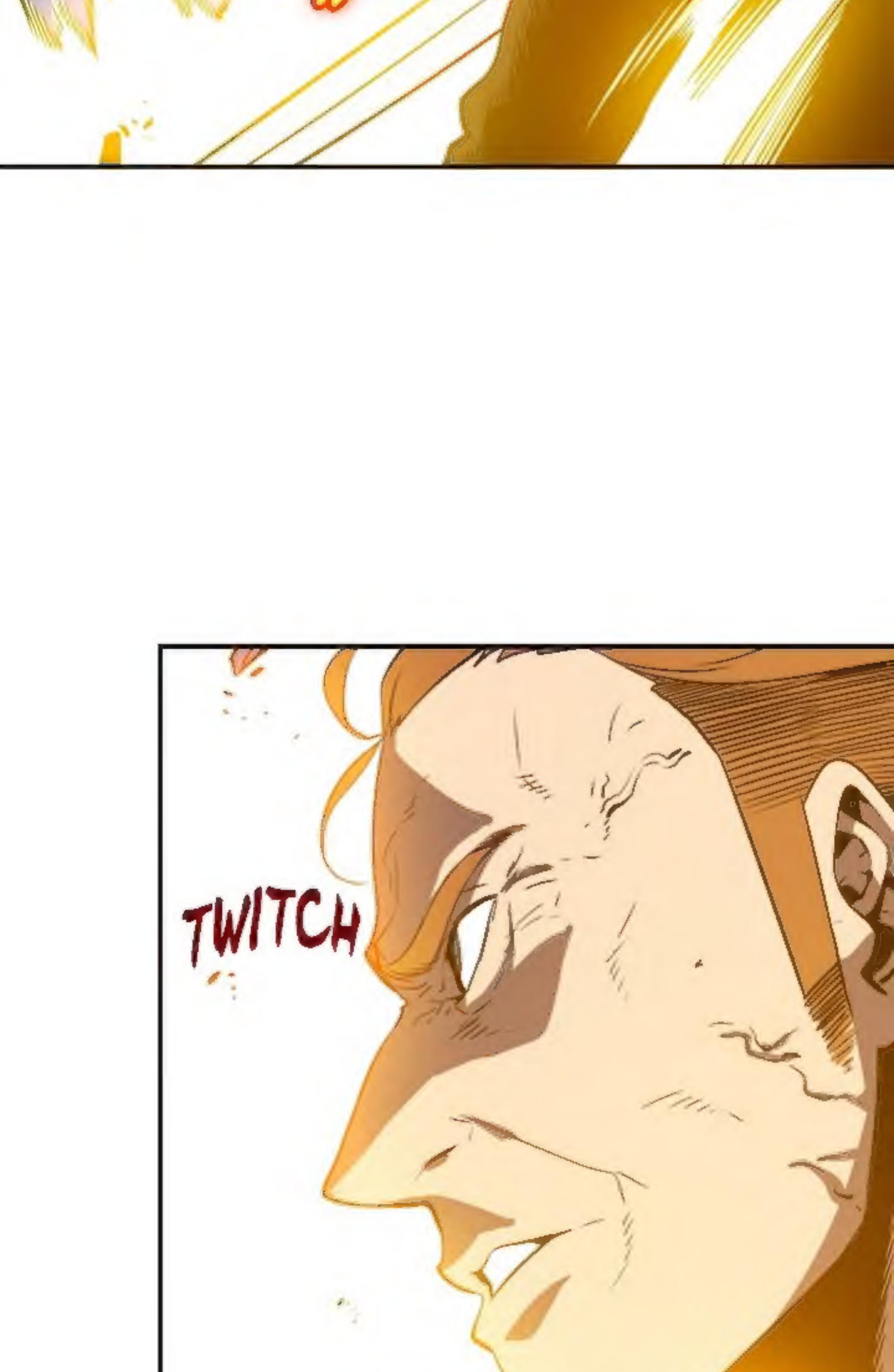
JOOHEE IS  
HERE, TOO,  
SO...

JOOHEE,  
CAN YOU CAST  
A POWER BUFF  
ON ME?

HUH?  
OKAY!

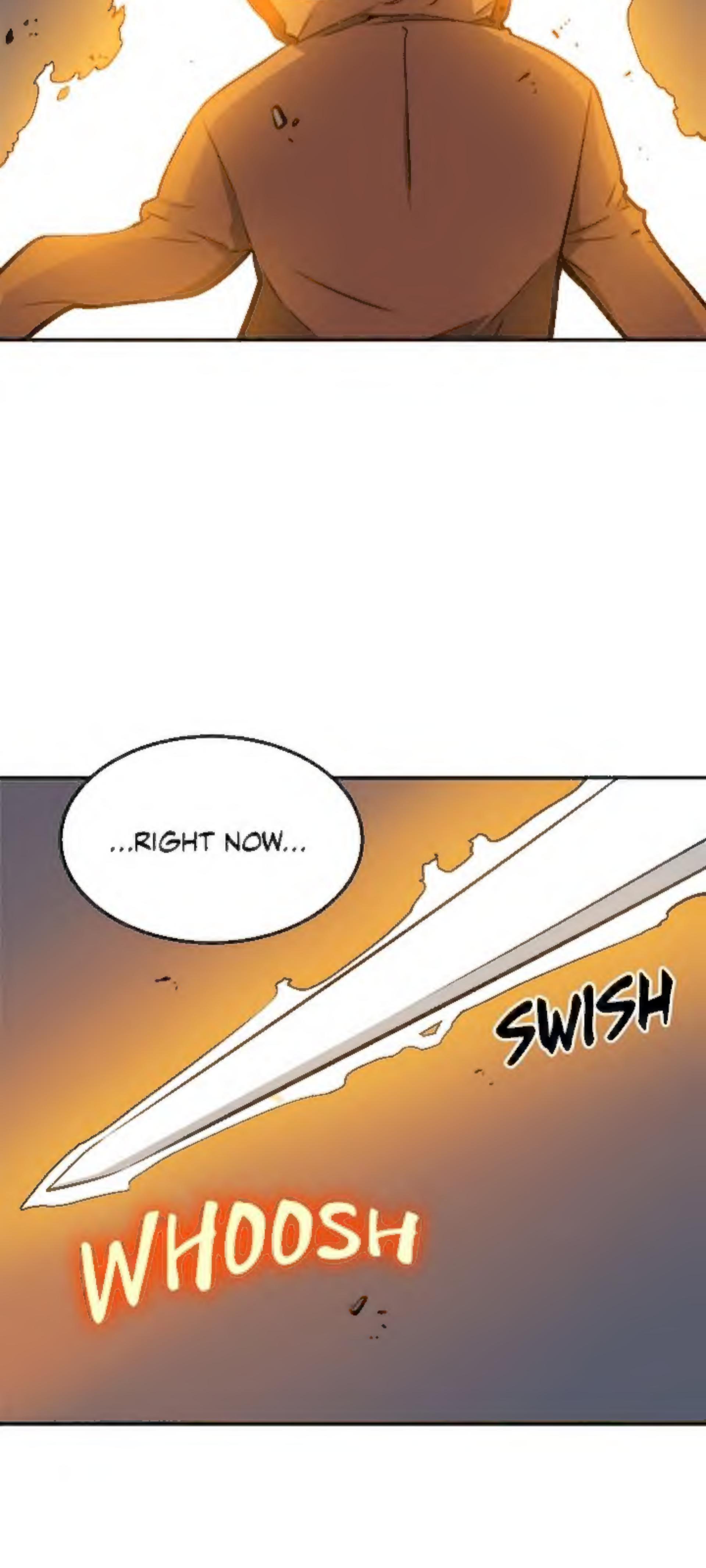


I'LL  
MAKE HIM ENGAGE  
IN CLOSE COMBAT. I'LL  
CLOSE THE DISTANCE AND  
MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
HIM TO AVOID MY  
ATTACKS!





A MAGE  
PRETENDING HE'S  
A SWORDSMAN?



A STRENGTH  
BUFF FOR A MAGE  
IS A USELESS SKILL,  
SINCE IT ONLY DRAINS  
THEIR ENERGY,  
BUT...

...RIGHT NOW...

SWISH

WHOOOSH



LET'S  
DO THIS!!



...I'M A

SWORDSMAN.

To Be Continued...

The logo for the webtoon "Solo Leveling". It features the title in a large, ornate, black serif font. The letters are highly detailed, with some having glowing or metallic highlights. A thick, dark ribbon or chain is wrapped diagonally across the letters, with its ends forming a loop at the bottom right.

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